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B.C. taken to court over wolf cull

SOUTH SELKIRK

Environmental groups dispute it helps caribou

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Two environmental groups have turned to the courts in an attempt to stop the British Columbia government's controversial wolf cull.

Pacific Wild Alliance and Valhalla Wilderness Society filed a petition in B.C. Supreme Court on Wednesday seeking an injunction against the ongoing cull in the province's South Selkirk region.

Government initiated the wolf cull in an attempt to protect mountain caribou from possible extinction, but the petitioners argue the decision is unreasonable and that the province has not done enough to protect caribou habitat.

"Without critical habitat protection, mountain caribou populations will not be saved whether wolves are culled or not," read court documents filed by the groups.

Pacific Wild executive director Ian McAllister, an outspoken critic of the cull, said killing up to 500 wolves will not address the endangered caribou's biggest threat.

"The wolf cull is unjustified. The main issue here is the lack of habitat and not predation by wolves," he told Metro. "We're hopeful, through a judicial review, an injunction can be sought after to stop the cull."

A spokesperson for the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations said government has no further comment on Wednesday's request for judicial review.

In a statement, the ministry said it has protected 2.2 million hectares of mountain caribou habitat and that the leading cause of mortality in the South Selkirk and South Peace regions is due to wolves.

"The operational plans for wolf removal were peer-reviewed by two independent scientists," the statement reads.

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Exhibit targets affordable housing

MUSEUM

Multimedia 'scenarios' explore visions of Vancouver

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A model of downtown Vancouver is one of many multimedia displays at the Your Future Home exhibition. **Top right:** Density in Section proposes enabling communities to evolve by expanding diversity of use and form, with opportunities for social interaction. **Right:** A comparison of the existing skyline and its relationship to population density and rental costs. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

Stepping into the Museum of Vancouver's newest exhibition almost feels like being let in on an inside joke.

The entrance, made up of infographics, architecture models and panoramic images of the downtown Vancouver skyline, is designed to feel like a presentation centre for a new real-estate development. The punch line? Many of the visitors to this exhibition likely can't afford to buy a home here.

It's no secret that Metro Vancouver has an affordable housing problem, so when it came time for curators at the Museum of Vancouver to choose a theme for their next exhibition, the answer was obvious, said Gregory Dreicer, director of curatorial and engagement.

"As a museum, we're focusing on contemporary Vancouver and what people are most concerned about," Dreicer told Metro during a media tour of the exhibition. "Housing affordability is No. 1 on the list."

Your Future Home: Creating the New Vancouver, which opens to the public Thursday, bills itself as an exploration of the future of the city in the face of mounting concerns about housing affordability, residential density, ease of transportation and quality of public space.

More than 20 of the city's leading architects and urban planners contributed multimedia scenarios for the exhibition, offering visions of the future for Vancouver.

One of the scenarios, developed by local urban design and landscape architecture firm PFS Studio, proposes a mobile system of floating barges that could contain everything from forests, parks and botanical gardens to swimming pools, amusement parks and concert grounds.

EXHIBIT

Your Future Home is on display at the Museum of Vancouver from Thursday until May 15.

Another scenario by Carscadden Stokes McDonald Architects suggests changes to the region's existing cycling infrastructure to allow people to easily get around in the aftermath of a massive earthquake or tsunami.

Visitors to the exhibition will also learn interesting details about Vancouver they may not have known before, like the fact that its vacancy rate has been one per cent since the 1930s, and that the city has fewer native residents than any other in North America.

Andy Yan, data curator for the exhibition and senior urban planner at Bing Thom Architects, said he hopes the exhibition informs and inspires Vancouverites to take action and get involved in shaping the city's future.

"The city is only as good as their participation," he said. "It's important to understand where we came from and where we are today to have that inform how the city can develop and grow."

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Rat casino: A tail of addiction

SCIENCE

B.C. research shows rodents gamble in certain settings

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Even rats can't resist the thrill of the big win.

University of British Columbia researchers studying gambling addiction have discovered that using sound and light cues, similar to those at a flashy casino, entice rats to take greater risks.

At UBC's "rat casino," in the university's Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health, laboratory rats poke at four buttons that give them varying odds of winning sugar pellets.

For example, the first — and safest — option awards rats two pellets 80 per cent of the time.

Subsequent options award more pellets, but at much reduced chances of winning.

At first, researcher Michael Barrus, a PhD candidate at the UBC Department of Psychology, said rats would pick the first option 90 per cent of the time.

"They knew it was the best option because it gave them the most sugar pellets. But when you go to a casino, you're not making the best economic choices," Barrus said.

So when researchers outfitted the test chamber with flashing lights and sounds that escalated in intensity during high-stakes wins, Barrus said approximately half of the rats started picking the highest-risk option.

"Winning was a more exciting experience for them even though they were getting less sugar," he said.

Researchers made a further breakthrough when giving rats a drug that blocked the action of dopamine D3 receptors, linked to drug addictions, in the brain.

The drug had little effect on the rats that performed the gambling task without added light and sound but reduced the high-risk behaviour of those that were placed in the stimulated environment.

Barrus said the findings suggest a closer link to substance addictions and behavioural addictions than previously known.

"This receptor might be a good target if we're going to develop drugs to treat pathological gambling," he said.

The findings were published Wednesday in the Journal of Neuroscience.

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Rats perform a gambling task at the University of British Columbia. SCREENGRAB/UBC

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Deputy Chief Doug LePard
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POLICING

City's deputy chief moves to new role as top transit officer

After 35 years with the Vancouver Police Department (VPD), a prominent officer is leaving the force to run another.

Deputy Chief Doug LePard will be in charge of the Metro Vancouver Transit Police, although an exact date for the start of his new job has not been announced.

LePard has been with the VPD since 1981 and currently heads up the investigation division, but in 2010 he led a review of the investigation and eventual capture of serial killer Robert Pickton.

He is replacing former Transit Police boss Neil Dubord, who's now the Delta police chief.

In a statement, LePard says he's leaving many valued friends and colleagues behind but is excited about working with TransLink to improve the safety of the region's transit system.

Vancouver police Chief Adam Palmer says LePard has left an indelible mark and that he's looking forward to working with him in his new role.

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Matthew Hutchinson, 24, of North Vancouver
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Outpouring of support 'incredible'

MATTHEW HUTCHINSON

Sister receives more than $30K to help with memorial

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Katelynn Hutchinson only asked for $3,000 to help cover her brother's memorial expenses.

Little did the North Vancouver native know that, in less than a day, the community would respond with more than 10 times that amount — and counting.

Her older brother Matthew Hutchinson, 24, was killed Sunday morning along with 21-year-old Kelsey Annese, in Geneseo, N.Y., where both were studying at State University of New York.

Police say a former boyfriend of the woman walked into a home near the university where both Hutchinson and Annese rented rooms and stabbed them to death before turning the knife on himself.

On Tuesday, Katelynn started a fundraiser on GoFundMe.com, asking for donations to cover the memorial expenses and help her parents travel to Geneseo.

Almost immediately, the money started flooding in, with more than 1,000 people donating a total of more than $45,000 in less than a day.

In an email to Metro, Katelynn said the huge outpouring of support has been "absolutely incredible."

"He was so well loved, and the stories and kind words mean so much to us," she said. "We've read every comment, every name, and I forward every kind message to my parents. I love hearing about him, how he made so many people smile. It really does make me speechless."

She said the donations will go a long way in helping cover the cost of flights to New York, the coroner's fee and her brother's celebration of life.

"Being abroad, all of this really adds up, and no one ever expects to have to do this so early on in someone's life," she said, adding that her family would like to give some of the money back to the community in his name, possibly to a youth hockey team or the fire hall.

Many of the donations came from those who knew her brother through his extracurricular pursuits, both in his hometown of North Vancouver and in Geneseo.

The student played defence with the Chilliwack Chiefs in the 2011-12 season and was a member of the university's hockey team.

Matthew spent last summer fighting wildfires with the B.C. Wildfire Service and also volunteered for more than three years at the Geneseo Fire Department.

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INSURANCE

ICBC releases its infamous 'hall of shame' for last year

Matt Kieltyka
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The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia released its 2015 "Hall of Shame" on Wednesday, highlighting a few of the approximately 7,500 fraud investigations opened by ICBC last year.

One of the cases involved a Vancouver Island mom who reported her Audi stolen from her office's parking lot.

The car was found abandoned later that day after being crashed into a chain-link fence in the Lower Mainland.

Telephone records and BC Ferry camera footage allowed investigators to determine that the woman's son had actually taken the car and crashed it and that the mother was trying to cover up his involvement.

His licence was suspended at the time.

Both mother and son were convicted of providing false statements and fined $2,300 and $1,150, respectively.

The son was also sentenced to jail for 90 days and was given a one-year driving suspension.

Another case involved a man who had recently installed a dashboard camera in his vehicle and claimed another car veered into his lane and sideswiped the car as he was driving.

ICBC say the man was eager to show investigators the video from his new camera.

It did prove that a vehicle veered into his lane and hit his vehicle.

But it also showed that the man was not actually behind the wheel, as he had claimed.

It turned out the man was in the passenger seat and an unlicensed driver was behind the wheel.

His claim was denied for providing a false statement.

Not every accident claimant was honest last year, investigations show. GETTY IMAGES

7,500

Number of fraud investigations opened by ICBC in the calendar year 2015.

IN BRIEF

Three hurt in crash

Mounties are investigating a three-vehicle crash that sent one of the cars onto a sidewalk, striking two pedestrians and slamming into a restaurant in Richmond on Wednesday.

The crash happened shortly before 10 a.m. when a 78-year-old driver's car veered off the road in the area of No. 3 Road and Saba Road.

The car hit two pedestrians before ramming into The One Café, according to Richmond RCMP.

Two pedestrians, a 49-year old woman and 61-year-old man, were taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. They were in stable condition. The driver of the car that struck the building was also taken to hospital and in stable condition.

All three are residents of Richmond, police said.

Police said alcohol is not considered a factor.

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CONSERVATION

4,500-hectare ranch protected

A southeastern British Columbia ranch 11 times the size of Stanley Park has been protected from development by its owners.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada says Bob and Barb Shaunessy have registered a covenant on their 4,500-hectare ranch located on the west side of Windermere Lake near Invermere, B.C.

Conservancy spokeswoman Lesley Neilson says the covenant is registered with the land-title office and prevents the ranch from being subdivided and developed for residential or vacation homes if its sold.

Neilson says the ranch, which has operated since 1898, is connected to other conservation and Crown lands and acts as a corridor for animals such as grizzly bear, elk and the deer.

The Shaunessys have long-welcomed non-motorized use of their property and are working with the regional district to create a legacy trail that would cross the land and connect Invermere and Fairmont hot springs.

The conservancy has protected more than 1.1-million hectares of land Canada-wide since 1962 and about a quarter of that is found in B.C.

"That use, the cattle grazing there done in a sustainable way, is completely compatible with our ecological conservation goals in protecting the open spaces so those big animals like the grizzly bear and elk and the deer can move through," says Neilson.

"The biggest value from it, from sort of the ecology-conservation point of view, is maintaining that movement corridor for these wide-ranging animals." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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SURVEY

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The annual schmooze-fest of the rich, powerful, famous and their courtiers in Davos, Switzerland, has already produced splendid news for Canada: we're No. 2 in a new ranking of the best countries in the world.

Released at the World Economic Forum, the survey rated 60 countries across 24 categories.

Germany was first, Canada second, the United Kingdom third, the United States fourth and Sweden fifth.

The survey was prepared by U.S. News and World Report, the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of business and global brand consultants BAV Consulting.

Canada, the survey said, welcomes immigrants and celebrates diversity, draws some of its national identity from its expansive wilderness, has produced a long list of accomplished writers and artists and is a high-tech industrial society with a high standard of living.

Former prime minister Brian Mulroney will be pleased to see a nod to the trade agreements of the '80s and '90s that the survey said dramatically bolstered trade with the United States.

"While the service sector is Canada's biggest economic driver, the country is a significant exporter of energy, food and minerals," it said. "Canada ranks third in the world in proven oil reserves and is the world's fifth largest oil producer."

Canadian challenges, it said, are "the concerns of indigenous people" and the perennial matter of relations between Quebec and the rest of the country.

"While constitutional guarantees allow the province wide-ranging cultural and linguistic autonomy, movements for complete independence come in waves."

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SWITZERLAND TRUDEAU ADDRESSES RICH AND POWERFUL Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, accompanied by staff members, walks through town as he heads to a bilateral meeting in Davos, Switzerland, on Wednesday. Trudeau is attending the World Economic Forum where political, business and social leaders gather to discuss world agendas. Trudeau's keynote address at the World Economic Forum framed Canada as a safe place to invest amid global economic uncertainty. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MONTREAL

Factory drawing refugees

When Syrian refugee Garouj Nazarian is asked how he likes working for his boss, the answer comes in choppy English — but the sentiment shines through.

"So much good," he says with a big smile, offering a thumbs-up to emphasize his joy.

Nazarian, who's been in Canada for about a year, has been working for six months at a Montreal plywood factory owned by Levon Afeyan, who fled Lebanon's civil war with his parents and two brothers in 1975.

Nazarian is one of 12 Syrian refugees among 80 employees and Afeyan intends to hire more as Canada opens its borders to thousands of people fleeing the Assad regime and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Essential to feeling Canadian, Afeyan adds, is to start speaking English and, particularly in Quebec, French.

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Priya Dhillon wants to own an A&W franchise. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

WORK TRENDS

Millennials like being own boss

Priya Dhillon, a 33-year-old with a PhD in molecular biology, has her sights set on something a lot less scientific: to own an A&W franchise.

The concept is closer to becoming a reality for her now that the Canadian burger giant is recruiting and helping millennials scoop up new franchises planned for urban locations.

Dhillon represents a predominant entrepreneurial trend among Canadian millennials, many of whom say they would rather be self-employed than have a traditional workplace with a boss.

Based on a recent poll in ten countries, media agency network ZenithOptimedia found global consumers aged 18 to 34 seek to gain much more control over their lives to obtain happiness.

"Most millennials told us they valued the freedom and flexibility of new ways of working. Inspired by their peers, including tech entrepreneurs like (Facebook founder) Mark Zuckerberg, many see running a business they are passionate about as their ultimate goal," says the Pursuit of Happiness study. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

QUEBEC

Natural gas from yogurt

A town in southern Quebec is changing the way it looks at yogurt.

Saint-Hyacinthe signed an agreement with Yoplait Liberté last week to transform expired and unusable yogurt into natural gas that it says will be able to heat municipal buildings and power a fleet of city-owned vehicles.

Brigitte Massé, the city's communications director, said a total of 6,500 metric tones of yogurt will be transformed over the course of one year into 375,000 cubic metres of natural gas at a city-run biomethanation facility. Biomethanation is a process through which organic matter and waste is converted into gas.

"The production of that 6,500 cubic metres of yogurt will allow us to heat our two largest arenas and aquatics centre in Saint-Hyacinthe for a year with natural gas," Massé said Wednesday. The material will come from a local Yoplait Liberté factory and can include expired yogurt or unsellable organic residue derived from the yogurt-making process, she said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

20 killed in attack on Pakistan school

TERRORISM

Concerns rise over whether police can protect state

Islamic militants again stormed a school in northeastern Pakistan in a deadly attack that lasted for hours. And once again, the blood of students and teachers stained classrooms and hallways, raising questions about whether security forces can protect the country's educational institutions.

At least 20 people were killed and 23 were wounded Wednesday in the assault at Bacha Khan University in Charsadda before the four gunmen were slain and the military declared an end to the siege. Two teachers were among the dead, including a chemistry professor who was praised as a hero for shooting back at the attackers and allowing some students to escape.

The university attack was grimly reminiscent of the December 2014 massacre at an army public school in Peshawar that killed 150, mostly children.

The violence shows how vulnerable schools remain in Pakistan, where extremists have sought to prevent Western-style education, especially for girls. Teenager Malala Yousafzai was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize after she was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman in 2012 because of her support for gender equality and education for girls.

Last weekend, several schools were closed after intelligence suggested militants were planning an attack, according to Muhammed Amir Rana, director of the private Pakistan Institute for Peace Studies. A spokesman for the provincial government said schools were closed as part of a security drill. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Relatives of the 2014 Peshawar school victims pray on Wednesday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

SCIENCE

New evidence points to giant 9th planet

The solar system may have a ninth planet after all.

This one is 5,000 times bigger than outcast Pluto and billions of miles farther away, say scientists who presented "good evidence" for a long-hypothesized Planet X on Wednesday.

The gas giant is thought to be almost as big as its nearest planetary neighbour Neptune, quite possibly with rings and moons. It's so distant that it would take a mind-blowing 10,000 to 20,000 years to circle the sun.

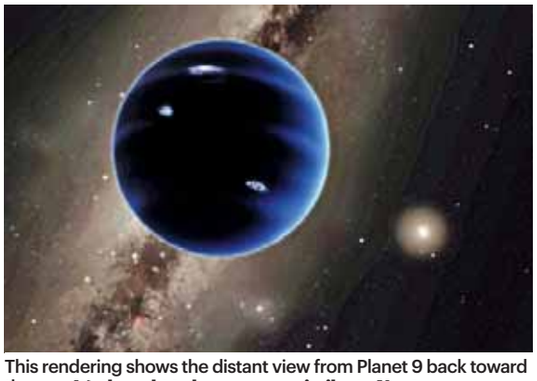
Planet 9, as the pair of California Institute of Technology researchers calls it, hasn't been spotted yet. They base their prediction on mathematical and computer modeling, and anticipate its discovery via telescope within five years or less.

The two reported their research Wednesday in the Astronomical Journal because they want people to help them look for it.

"We could have stayed quiet and quietly spent the next five years searching the skies ourselves and hoping to find it. But I would rather somebody find it sooner, than me find it later," astronomer Mike Brown, the so-called Pluto killer who helped lead the charge against Pluto's planetary status in 2006. Once Planet 9, Pluto is now officially considered a dwarf planet.

Brown and planetary scientist Konstantin Batygin feel certain about their prediction, which at first seemed unbelievable to even them.

"For the first time in more than 150 years, there's good evidence that the planetary census of the solar system is incomplete," Batygin said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



This rendering shows the distant view from Planet 9 back toward the sun. **It's thought to be gaseous, similar to Neptune.** COURTESY CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Five planets to be viewable across southern sky: NASA

People talk about the planets aligning, but have you seen real ones do it? If the weather is clear over the coming month, early risers will be able to view Mercury, Venus, Saturn, Mars and Jupiter with the naked eye, across the southern sky. NASA says the phenomenon — visible this week until Feb. 20 — happens every few years when the planets orbit on the same side of the Sun. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON THE POSTMEDIA MELTDOWN

“Canada’s news media is undergoing the biggest journalistic fire sale of its history. It is happening under the nose of a political class that is, for the most part, content to look the other way.

Under the guise of a migration to the digital world, Canada’s news media is undergoing the biggest journalistic fire sale of its history. It is taking place on such a scale that it might be more appropriate to call it a liquidation of information-gathering resources, and it is happening under the nose of a political class that is, for the most part, content to look the other way.

Just last week, some columnists were debating whether Ottawa lacked the gravitas one would normally associate with the capital of a G7 country. Detractors of the city that is home to Parliament will soon be able to add soulless newspapers to the list of its alleged shortcomings.

On Tuesday, Postmedia announced that the main print outlets of four of the country’s major cities — including the nation’s capital — will merge their newsrooms.

In Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Ottawa, the same journalists will report to both the Postmedia and the Sun papers, with their work to be rewritten by editors to suit the style of each outlet.

For more than 100 years, La Presse was known as the largest French-language daily in North America. Since Jan. 1, it is no longer available in print except on Saturday.

The paper’s owners are gambling that as its readership moves over to its tablet edition, their bottom line will improve. But the jury is out as to what toll, if any, the shift will take on the quality and breadth of the province’s public conversation.

The parliamentary press gallery is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. Its make-up is a lot more diverse than when I first joined it a few decades ago.

But when it comes to reflecting Canada’s regional diversity, the trend has gone the other way with many regional news organizations leaving the Hill, and with other outlets coming to rely on skeleton crews. In the Star’s Parliament Hill bureau, there are more empty desks than actual bodies these days.

The print media is not the only casualty of this ongoing meltdown.

Mainstream commercial networks are struggling to adapt to digital viewing habits of their audience — leaving less money to devote to their news coverage. After decades of budget cuts, Radio-Canada and the CBC are shadows of their former selves.

So far, the reaction of Canada’s political class has mostly ranged from indifference to public hand-wringing. On Twitter on Tuesday, the mayors of the cities involved in the cuts expressed regrets at the news. So did Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

But there must be a point when the steady disintegration of the country’s fourth estate’s news-gathering and news-getting functions becomes a public-policy issue.

There will be some to actually rejoice in the notion that a shrunk news media will have less potential for digging out embarrassing stories. The corruption inquiry in Quebec and the sponsorship scandal on Parliament Hill both had their source in persistent journalism.

Less short-sighted politicians may consider that they are ignoring this crisis at their own peril. A less informed electorate is more easily manipulated and less engaged. And at a time when parties are toying with notions such as compulsory voting and more participatory democracy, is the decline in political literacy that stands to result from an impoverished information environment a desirable outcome?

On the heels of a three-year study of the Canadian media landscape in 2006, a Senate committee warned that Canada was tolerating a concentration of media ownership that most other countries would find worrisome. And it noted that the consistent depletion of these resources of the country’s public broadcaster compounded the problem.

Some take solace in the notion that Trudeau’s government is committed to reinvesting in the CBC. But a news environment dominated by one media organization — even the public broadcaster — does not amount to a healthy one.

In any event, what followed the Senate report was a decade of laissez-faire that often saw owners sympathetic to the government of the day given free rein over larger media empires, combined with ever-closer-to-the-bone cuts to the CBC.

What we have today is a weaker public broadcaster in a field of journalistic ruins, and Canada’s national fabric is the poorer for it.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

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THE MICROTREND: Printing your pregnancy

Can’t wait to meet your bundle of joy? Well then — don’t. Some companies have taken 3D ultrasound imaging to the logical next level: they’ve started offering 3D-printed fetus replicas to expectant families. And although the idea is off-putting to some (nine weeks into pregnancy, the printout looks somewhat ... reptilian), it’s proving popular with U.K. parents. The technology had already been used to help blind mums-to-be who can’t view an ultrasound image to “see” their child. But now it’s gaining broad appeal, despite the price tag of around $800 Canadian. A tasteful figurine of just your baby’s face and hands, however, is a mere $360 — and the once-before-a-lifetime moment will never come around again. SOURCE: THE GUARDIAN, PHOTO: WOLFPRINT

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Finding the line between feminist and sensitive snowflake

John Mellish, a 55-year-old P.E.I man, knows his media ropes.

“You’re not live, are you?” he asked when I called. A few radio shock jocks in the central U.S. had gotten to him first. So had about 25 reporters. He hasn’t turned down an interview, because talking to media fits with his plan.

“I guess it’s obvious,” I said. “I’m calling about the sign.”

John and his wife Ursula run a used-car business, Mellish Motors, and the dealership’s roadside sign has a local reputation for witticisms.

Last Christmas, it was a line about not complaining about the holidays, since “We were already fat in August.” “Not everyone shares my sense of humour,” John acknowledged.

Then last week, it held this: “Women are like snowflakes. They can’t drive.”

“It’s stupid but it’s cute” was John’s assessment. (His wife and daughter, he noted, have perfect driving records.)

But Chelsea Ling didn’t laugh. She snapped a photo of the sign and posted it to Facebook with the tag: “Well PEI friends...”

It spread quickly, garnering comments, shares and media coverage that snowballed after the Mellishes posted two more signs: “Sensitive women don’t read this sign” and “Attention drama queens, auditions for today have been cancelled.”

There was also backlash. Someone called John to threaten his life, he told the Toronto Star. On Facebook, Ling said she’s received death and rape threats.

All this controversy is not accidental. The Mellishes and Ling both actively stoked debate — if to different ends. John doesn’t use social media, but he understood as well as Ling its potential power to make private passions public. As a tool, it’s almost a given.

Ling wrote that her goal was to spark discussion about what she saw as unacceptable comments about women.

When Ursula and John followed up about the snowflakes sign, they were expecting personal attacks in order to highlight online negativity. If people were more aware of the consequences, “They might think twice before posting something about a friend or a business owner or a contractor,” John said.

Both sides have been using the media to spread their message — about sexism and what’s funny, and hate and filth on social media. Now, Ling wants to talk with John, “about all of this crazy,” she wrote. Meanwhile, the Mellishes are winding up for more backlash. Yesterday, the sign read: “Sensitive men don’t look at tomorrow’s sign!”

“You can phone back tomorrow,” John offered, “and update on that.”

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"I'm not running away from Vogue. But it will be nice to collaborate. I'm certainly not going into retirement."
GRACE CODDINGTON ON RESIGNING FROM HER NEARLY 30-YEAR TENURE AS CREATIVE DIRECTOR OF VOGUE

Fairey art

Famed street artist Shepard Fairey has left his mark around the world. The book, Covert to Overt, compiles all the Obey founder's work since 2010 — two years after his HOPE piece played a role in Barack Obama's presidential campaign.

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Our Fairey City

Toronto was the last stop on Fairey's seven-city mural tour in 2014, with the above mounted at the intersection of Queen Street and Denison Avenue. At the time, Fairey wrote about how much he loved touring the neighbourhood — and the "euphoria" he felt buying a box set of Dead Kennedys singles.

Power and Imperial Glory

In collaboration with printer Jo Watanabe, Fairey drew inspiration from American pop artist Roy Lichtenstein for this pair of large-format prints. The artist has said the latter creation was a comment on the U.S. military industrial complex.

Peace Elephant Mural

This sprawling display decorating the West Hollywood Library was more than 10 times the size of any wall Fairey had painted to that point. Given less than a week to execute the design, Fairey's crew worked 12 to 16 hours per day to complete the work.

Centrefold

Fairey initially blasted his portraits of Fugazi frontman Ian MacKaye and former Black Flag howler Henry Rollins as a massive mural of punk icons in Asbury Park, N.J. The other image, of course, memorializes late Run-D.M.C. DJ Jam Master Jay.

CANADIAN LITERATURE

Mystery writer Khan draws on Muslim roots

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

Every time mystery writer Ausma Zehanat Khan crosses the border, leaving her adopted home of Denver for Canada, she is aware of her status as a Muslim woman. And whenever she turns on the news, she is reminded how vitriolic public discussion around the Muslim community can be.

"So much of that discourse is very ill-informed and uneducated. ... It's important for me to speak back to that a little bit with my characters and the stories that I'm telling," Khan says. "I don't really consider it an agenda, but it's my experience that I'm writing about."

Khan, who has her Ph.D. in international human-rights law, drew on her expertise and background for her first novel, The Unquiet Dead (Minotaur Books), a mystery-thriller connected to the 1995 Srebrenica genocide. It was here she introduced her protagonist, the Toronto-based Muslim detective Esa Khattak and his partner, Rachel Getty, a no-nonsense hockey-playing cop who plays the perfect foil to elegantly handsome Khattak.

The detectives return for Khan's new murder-mystery, The Unquiet Dead, which was inspired by another true crime: the arrest of the Toronto 18, an ill-prepared group of terrorists whose plans to bomb Parliament Hill was thwarted by the RCMP and CSIS in 2006.

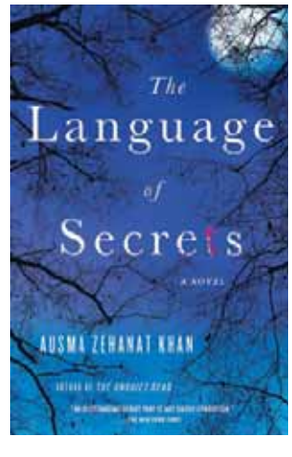
To prepare for the book, Khan researched Islamic history and politics, jihadist websites and stacks of police materials. She also had in-house help: her husband is an expert on Islam and politics.

Khan believes her books stand out because there are still few fully formed Muslim characters like Khattak to be found. The Unquiet Dead is also rare in the genre because of the poetry that flows through it. From recitals of classical works to slam poetry nights, it is present throughout her story, which Khan says comes from her upbringing as the daughter of two Pakistani-Canadians who hosted recitals at their house.

Beyond wanting to celebrate and share Eastern art, Khan had another personal reason for incorporating poetry into a whodunit murder.

She says, "If you look at Arab or Persian traditions, you'll see poetry is very much at their heart. I thought a very beautiful way to temper the ugliness of the jihadist ideology is also to express the beauty of those traditions."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



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RESEARCH

Fairy tales are as old as time — well nearly

Fairy tales such as Beauty and the Beast are much older than previously thought and are actually thousands of years old, academics found in research published Wednesday.

Their analysis indicates that Beauty and the Beast and Rumpelstiltskin are around 4,000 years old while Jack And The Beanstalk can be traced back more than 5,000 years. Anthropologist Jamie Tehrani from Britain's Durham University and folklorist Sara Graca da Silva of New University Lisbon used techniques initally used in biology to study 275 Indo-European stories.

Their findings suggest folk tales existed in oral tradition long before they were put down in writing. This backs up a theory put forward by one of the most famous fairy tale tellers in history, Wilhelm Grimm of the 19th century Brothers Grimm.

"Our results support Grimm's view and suggest that a substantial number of tales have existed in Indo-European oral traditions long before they were first written down" Da Silva said.

The research appeared in the journal Royal Society Open Science. AFP

The Brothers Grimm. AFP

The productivity experiment

Chris Bailey, pictured here, author of The Productivity Project, writes you may want to cut back on checking email and reaching for that third cup of coffee if you want to be more productive. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CHRIS YOUNG

NEW BOOK

A tale of one man's quest to accomplish more in the day

Is there one sure-fire strategy to maximize your time and energy in a given day?

Chris Bailey was so determined to find out that he turned down two lucrative job offers and devoted a year of his life to a quest for the holy grail of productivity.

In addition to his research and interviews with leading experts, the business school graduate used himself as the test subject in a series of experiments.

Bailey lived in isolation for 10 days, worked 90-hour weeks and gained 10 pounds of muscle mass.

He documented the experiments on his blog and then compiled the upsides and pitfalls of his pursuits in the book The Productivity Project (Random House Canada).

Bailey said there is no one-size-fits-all strategy for increased productivity. He learned that firsthand when the habitually late riser forced himself to wake up at 5:30 a.m. for three months.

"It didn't work for me, and I accomplished less in that experiment than I would have otherwise," Bailey said during a recent interview in Toronto.

"I had to go to bed when I had the most energy, when I was the most productive — because I don't view productivity as how much we produce, I view productivity as how much we accomplish. The best way I found to do that while doing my project was by managing our time, our attention and our energy."

Bailey also tried drinking only water for an entire month and found he had more energy than he had in years.

While he still drinks caffeine and said it can offer productivity benefits, he added that people should be smarter about their consumption habits and not continuously rely on the stimulant.

"Being able to find that energy boost whenever you need it, when you have something important you're working on ... is something huge that you can do."

Bailey writes in his book about the benefits of assessing your Biological Prime Time (BPT) for performing one's highest-impact tasks.

"It's during your peak energy hours that you're able to bring more to whatever it is that you're doing, so that you can spend your energy wisely, in addition to spending your time wisely if you have the flexibility to do so."

A strategy Bailey has maintained is to unplug from digital devices from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. He also suggested shrinking "support tasks" that can consume considerable time, like answering emails.

"If you check them every hour — even for 12 hours — over the course of the day, that's still 12 times a day and more than enough time to keep on top of everything that you have to do."

Bailey said among the best tactics for him were those that allowed him to work "more deliberately and with intention."

"When we have more work to do than the time to do it in, it becomes crucial that we take that step back to figure out what's important," he said.

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PSYCHOLOGY

Doctor blasts parenting trends

Dr. Leonard Sax has been a family physician and psychologist for 27 years, conducting workshops around the world for parents, teachers, social workers, counsellors, school psychologists and juvenile justice professionals.

He's also a dad, and it's from all those perspectives that he took on his fourth book, an alarm bell of sorts titled, The Collapse of Parenting, out recently from Basic Books.

Sax, who lives in Exton, Pennsylvania, argues that American families are facing a crisis of authority, where the kids are in charge, out of shape emotionally and physically, and suffering because of it. He calls for a reordering of family life in response.

What is the book really about?

The transfer of authority from parents to kids. I think you should treat kids like grown-ups. I think you should expect them to be mature and to behave, and I think that's what it means to treat someone like a grown-up, among other things, although the phrase to treat someone like a grown-up is ambiguous. It's not about the abdication of authority.

What types of things can parents do to help a child or teen become a fulfilled adult?

The first thing is to teach humility, which is now the most un-American of virtues. When I meet with kids I ask them what they think it is and they literally have no idea. I've done that from third grade through 12th grade.

The high school kids are more clueless than the third-graders.

They have been indoctrinated in their own awesomeness with no understanding of how this culture of bloated self-esteem leads to resentment. I see it.

The second thing is to enjoy the time with your child. Don't multitask. Get outdoors with your child.

The last thing: Teach the meaning of life.

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The Lure, a movie about flesh-eating mermaids working as nightclub singers, is competing in the World Cinema Dramatic Competition at the Park City, Utah film fest. CONTRIBUTED

Sundance features fearless directors

FILM FESTIVAL

Audiences may be shocked by programming lineup

Shock and awe is coming to the Sundance Film Festival, Robert Redford's annual celebration of indie cinema, which begins Thursday in Park City, Utah.

Movies seeking audience gasps as well as applause include Swiss Army Man, a bromance between a man and a corpse starring Paul Dano and Daniel Radcliffe. There's also The Lure, a musical about a pair of pop-star mermaids who are hungry for love and human flesh. Speaking of unusual pairs, there are two films, Christine and Kate Does Christine, one a drama and the other a doc, that investigate the mysterious 1974 on-air suicide of a Florida TV newscaster.

Then there's Operation Avalanche, by Toronto's Matt Johnson (The Dirties), a conspiracy movie about the Apollo 11 moon landing that threatens to rewrite history and possibly enrage scientists, space freaks and American patriots. These are amongst the 123 features and 72 shorts Sundance will screen from Jan. 21 to 31, many of them world premieres.

Scary movies have long been associated with the Sundance: The Blair Witch Project, Saw, The Babadook and The Witch all earned their first shrieks in Park City. For the most part, such films have been safely confined to Sundance's Midnight program, which is similar to TIFF's popular Midnight Madness slate. This year it seems they're populating the more mainstream sections, including the dramatic and documentary competitions.

"It's true!" says Sundance festival director John Cooper, in an interview from his L.A. office before leaving for Park City. "I think this fearlessness is coming from the filmmakers themselves. They're not worrying so much about the end success of their films, because so many of them get picked up to go on a platform that's not even theatrical, more and more. They know that audiences are just going to find them." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Maybe change this show's name to Crybaby Cop

THE SHOW: Shades of Blue, Season 1, Episode 2 (Global/NBC)
THE MOMENT: The Crying

In her boss's bathroom, New York City policewoman Harlee Santos (Jennifer Lopez) talks by phone to her 16-year-old, Christina. Harlee just learned that Christina has snuck off to a nightclub.

"Don't drive with someone who's been drinking," Harlee says. Her eyes fill with tears. Christina can't hear her, but Harlee keeps talking anyway. "Be true to yourself," she says, crying openly now. "Someday you'll have a daughter, and she'll be the best part of your life." She slumps against the sink, overcome.

Okay, Harlee is under pressure. She, her boss Matt (Ray Liotta, scary), and their crew take bribes. The FBI caught her and made her turn rat. Matt is about to give her a polygraph. If this were the first time Harlee wept, we'd understand.

Weeping on demand in Shades of Blue. CONTRIBUTED

But this is episode two, and already Harlee has wept — copiously — many times. She wept in the opening scene of episode one. She wept at her daughter's school concert. She wept when the FBI caught her. So free and frequent is her weeping, this show should be called Crybaby Cop. Or maybe Shades of Boo-Hoo.

Eyes-filling-with-tears is a handy acting skill, and Lopez is clearly eager to show hers off. She also looks pretty when she cries, unlike, say, me. But given that Harlee is supposed to be a hardened, hard-ass cop, I find her crying off-putting. Did she weep during drills at the academy?

Not since Claire Danes in Homeland has an allegedly professional woman been so easily overcome on the job. Nut up, Harlee.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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In the neighbourhood

The Jervis is at the corner of Jervis and Davie Streets and is a short walk to Robson Street and the Vancouver Art Gallery. There's plenty of shopping to be done and many cafés and restaurants to take in. Nearby, there's an aquatic centre, boating and tennis and farmer's markets.

Housing Amenities

The kitchen contains high-end Italian cabinetry and the most advanced cooking technology on the market. Bathrooms have floor-to-ceiling marble tiles and recessed mirrors with integrated halo lighting. Temperature, lighting, blinds and sound can all be automated. A security system is also wired in every condo.

Location and transit

The Jervis sits on a couple of bus routes. Residents can hop on one and be at a SkyTrain station in under 15 minutes. Condos overlook Stanley Park's 1,000 acres of greenery and the city's downtown core.

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Professional tips to get your place in order for 2016

There's a reason you haven't started that "get organized" New Year's resolution yet, and the reason is simple: It's an overwhelming chore.

Well, for most of us at least. You see, some people not only enjoy finding order in the chaos, but they enjoy it so much they've made it into a career. Before you forget all about your 2016 pledge, we hit up some professional organizers for their top tips.

1 Start small

If you resolved to learn to cook this year, you wouldn't start with hosting a six-course dinner party. Likewise, you don't want to kick off your organizing plan with a garage overhaul. "The junk drawer is the perfect starter project because it's a microcosm of your entire home," says New York-based organizer Jeni Aron, owner of Clutter Cowgirl. "You can sort your junk drawer in a half-hour to an hour. And then you can move on to a bigger challenge with confidence."

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2 Get a handle on your paperwork

You know those papers on your coffee table? Well, more are coming in tomorrow's mail. The good news? It's fairly simple to get a handle on. "A quick solution is to gather all your current papers in one place and divide everything into three piles: To Do, To Read and To File," advises Debbie Lillard, author of A Mom's Guide to Home Organization.

"If unopened mail is included in that pile of paperwork, open it and discard envelopes and excess materials. Then tackle one pile at a time until you are caught up. Just having it all in one place will make you feel more in control."

3 Confront the closet

More than any other space, closets are prone to becoming cluttered, daunting pits. "If you haven't worn something in a year, you probably won't wear it again," says New York-based organizer Aly Finkelstein, of Organized by Aly. "Scan your closet and then bag all of your unwanted clothes for either resale or, preferably, donation." While you're in there, she says to replace those warped, mismatched, clothes-snagging hangers — it's the new year, after all.

4 Think digital

Organizing isn't limited to your physical space these days. You know all of those pictures floating around in your email and text messages? Rescue them before they float away into the digital ether.

"Organizing last year's digital photos is the type of project you can accomplish in an afternoon," says Philadelphia-area professional organizer Crystal Sabalaske, owner of Clutter-shrink.

"Search by year, select those you want to print and then file everything away in dated folders." Next up? The owner's manuals to your electronics. Sabalaske suggests rounding them up, deciding which ones are important to keep then filing away by room.

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IN BRIEF

Pull up a chair for season 2 of Ellen's Design Challenge

For most of us, the word "chair" probably brings to mind a single, universal image.

But the fact is, the range of furniture is limitless and ever-growing, always inspiring further innovations. Anyone doubting that is welcome to tune into Ellen's Design Challenge, which returns for its second season Monday at 9 p.m. EST on HGTV.

The second year of the design competition will showcase 10 candidates who will sketch, design and build innovative furniture with the hope of outlasting their rivals and, at the end, receiving the $100,000 prize. On every episode, these competitors will face new design challenges as each is paired with an expert carpenter to fulfil that week's assignment.

"It's got the drama of their having to come up with ideas while trying to make a deadline," says DeGeneres, who will make the occasional surprise appearance.

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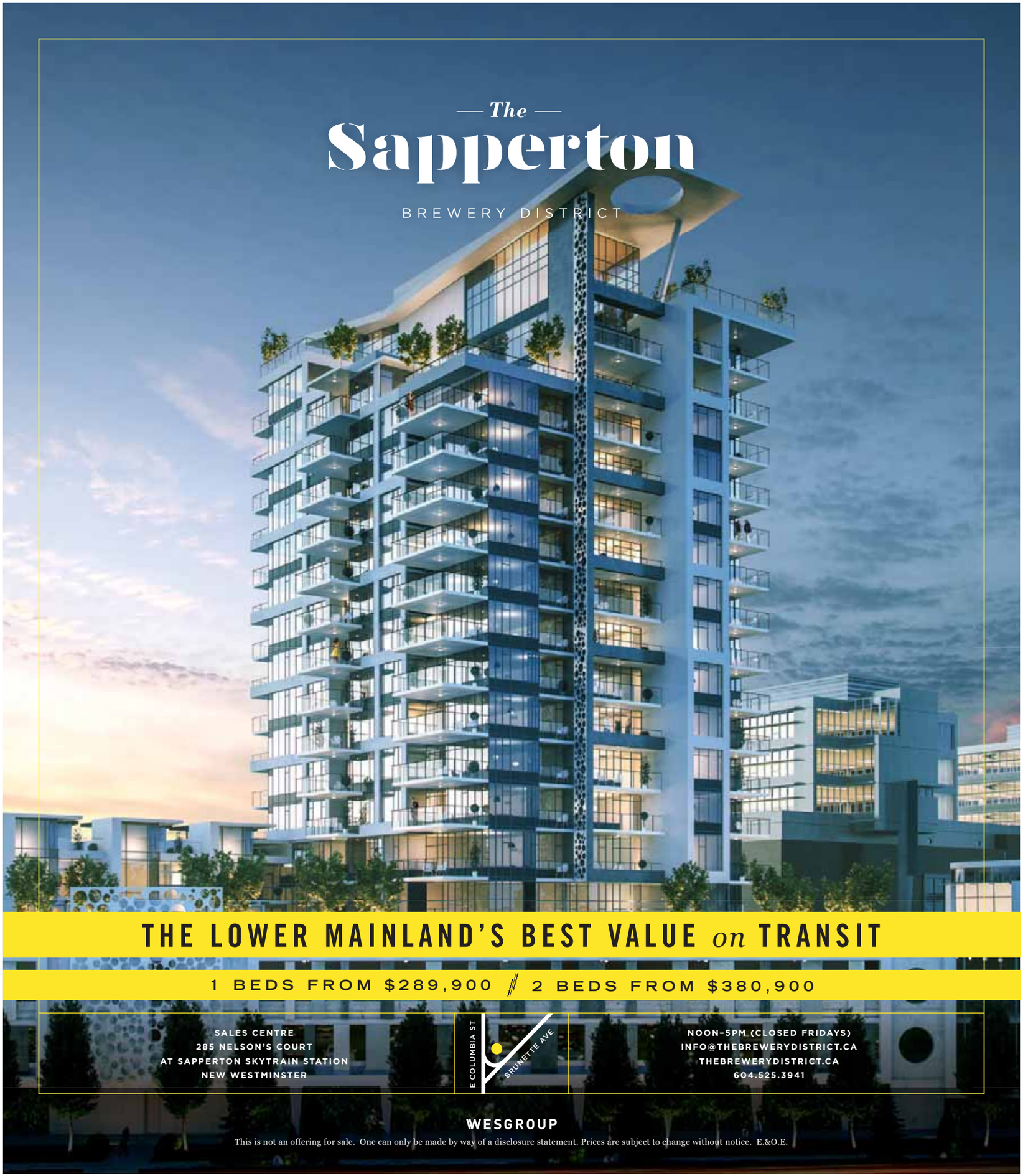
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Hanlon open to GM gig

VANCOUVER GIANTS

Ex-Canuck will be an assistant coach for Prospects Game

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

Glen Hanlon will be back in a familiar spot next week — behind the bench at the Pacific Coliseum.

For now, at least, it's a one-night-only occurrence. Hanlon was named an assistant coach for Team Orr for the upcoming CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game on Jan. 28 in Vancouver.

The last stop in Hanlon's lengthy coaching resumé was with the Swiss national team. However, both sides mutually parted ways in October, according to an IIHF release.

That has left Hanlon, 58, once again looking for opportunities in the hockey world, including one right here in Vancouver with the Giants, a team he used to be an assistant coach with from June of 2011 to May of 2013.

The Giants are in the market for a new general manager, after Scott Bonner announced he'd be leaving the organization when a replacement can be found.

"I feel that I've got one more job in me," said Hanlon on Wednesday.

"Being a general manager is a lot of fun. Being able to choose the players and to be involved in building a staff away from the rink is a lot of fun and to put … your footprint on that organization I think is motivating."

Glen Hanlon's last coaching job was with the Swiss national team. ALEXANDER HASSENSTEIN/BONGARTS/GETTY IMAGES

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Giants owner Ron Toigo said the search for a new GM is ongoing, but ideally he'd like to have the successful candidate in place by the WHL bantam draft, which is typically held in early May.

As far as possible job prospects go, Hanlon believes he'd be looking at head coaching positions in the AHL, assistant coaching positions in the NHL, or work in junior hockey.

"When you're not working, you have an eye on everything," he said.

"For me when I look at this job here, it's my hometown so to speak — my adopted hometown, I guess. It's a great organization that has a winning tradition, so certainly if there was a vacancy, I would enjoy that challenge.

"But … it's hard to get these jobs and there's a lot of qualified people out there, so you don't limit yourself to what you do and where you go."

WHITECAPS

Bolaños brings World Cup experience

It may have taken the Vancouver Whitecaps longer than expected to finally announce the acquisition of 31-year-old Costa Rican midfielder Christian Bolaños, but the club believes the experience he brings will be worth it.

Bolaños has twice represented his country at the FIFA World Cup and that includes the most recent competition in 2014, when he appeared in all five matches as Costa Rica made it to the quarter-finals.

That understanding of playing in big games — 60 appearances for Costa Rica in total — was an intriguing element for the Whitecaps.

"He's someone who not only brings a technical aspect but he's been in environments where they've had success," said Whitecaps president Bob Lenarduzzi in a phone interview Wednesday.

The Whitecaps had been linked to Bolaños for some time now, but official word of the completed transfer with Deportivo Saprissa and his subsequent signing with Vancouver's Major League Soccer side to a "multi-year" deal using targeted allocation money (TAM) didn't come down until Wednesday morning.

The Whitecaps begin training camp with players reporting to Vancouver for physicals and testing on Saturday.

The next few weeks for Bolaños are expected to be a little hectic. The Whitecaps announced that he will join the club down in Tucson, Ariz., in the first week of February.

"This is a new challenge for me and a big responsibility," Bolaños told Whitecapsfc.com. "I look forward to meeting my new teammates and getting training started for the new season. My goal is to help this club win a championship."

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Christian Bolaños GETTY IMAGES FILE

CANUCKS

Miller being left high and dry

The latest trend could prove devastating in the long run for the Vancouver Canucks and their playoff hopes if it keeps up.

Four times so far on this current road trip, the Canucks have surrendered at least 40 shots on goal, and in his last two starts, Ryan Miller has faced a barrage of vulcanized rubber.

On Tuesday, the Canucks somehow made it out of Madison Square Garden and New York with a single point after a 3-2 overtime loss to the Rangers.

Much like his performance against the Islanders on Sunday, when Vancouver won in a shootout, Miller's performance was the main reason the Canucks came away with anything positive in the standings.

Ryan Miller GETTY IMAGES

Against the Rangers, he faced 49 shots. Yes, New York was one shy of the half-century mark, as the Canucks were completely dominated in that aspect of the game. It only looked close on the scoreboard.

The Canucks now travel to Boston to face the Bruins on Thursday, in the fifth game of this six-game trip.

At 35 years old, and after the workload he's experienced the past two starts, it seems likely Miller will watch this game from the bench as the backup to No. 2 goalie Jacob Markstrom, whose strong play while Miller was recently injured should have gained the confidence of head coach Willie Desjardins and earned him more playing time.

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49

The number of shots Miller faced on Tuesday night in a 3-2 loss to the Rangers

CM Punk ready to get real in first fight

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

Former pro wrestler closes in on first UFC opponent

No stranger to calling out opponents from his days in the WWE, Phil "CM Punk" Brooks watched with interest as novice MMA fighter Mickey Gall pointed the finger at him.

Brooks, who has been in training for his UFC debut since signing with the promotion in December 2014, says Gall was smart to call him out at a regional show in November with UFC president Dana White in the audience.

"I'm an unknown and everybody kind of wants to cash in that Powerball ticket," Brooks said. "I'm like a human sexy trophy that everybody wants to win. So yeah, I think it's a wise decision by him. He had Dana front row for it, so he had the right audience and it's gotten him this far. So bully for him."

Gall's move was captured on video on White's Lookin' for a Fight web series.

> **I'm super-anxious to get going.**
> Phil Brooks

"Hey Dana White, I don't know if CM Punk has an opponent, but I would love to fight that man," Gall said in the cage after winning his pro debut.

White subsequently signed the 23-year-old welterweight, matching him against Mike Jackson (0-0) on the undercard of UFC 196 in Las Vegas. Should Gall (1-0) win Feb. 6, he will get his fight with Brooks who will be happy when his opponent is confirmed.

"It gives you more purpose in everything you do every day and you focus in on something. So it helps," he said.

The 37-year-old Brooks, a Chicago native, has been honing his MMA skills in Milwaukee under trainer Duke Roufus. Brooks had his training derailed for two months in the fall by a shoulder injury, but he says he feels "100 per cent stronger" than he was a year ago — "in all aspects."

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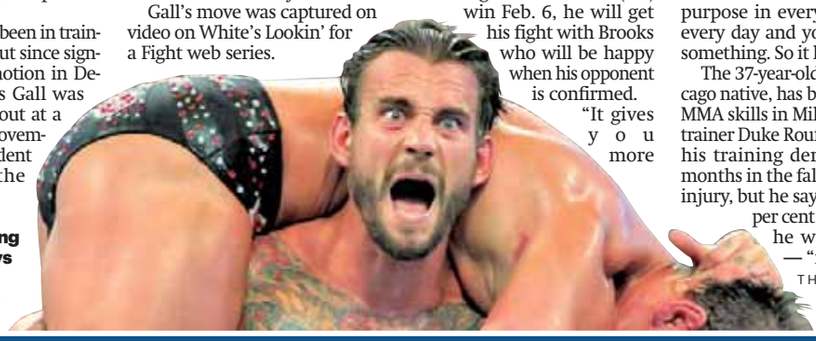

Phil Brooks during his CM Punk days in WWE.
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Phil Brooks comes to the UFC with a ready-made following thanks to his wrestling days. He has 2.46 million followers on Twitter compared to 1.09 million for featherweight champion Conor McGregor.

IN BRIEF

Bouchard 'OK' in Australian Open exit

Eugenie Bouchard admitted her heart was pounding during an Australian Open second-round defeat against fourth seed Agnieszka Radwanska.

But the 21-year-old from Westmount, Que., took that as a good sign as she lost 6-4, 6-2 Wednesday.

"It was my toughest test, I did OK," Bouchard said of the 90-minute contest.

The Canadian is coming back from a concussion.

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Real Madrid still top of soccers's money table

Real Madrid is soccer's biggest moneymaker for the 11th straight year to stay top of Deloitte's Football Money League.

Despite winning no trophies last season Madrid's revenue was 577 million euros ($628 million US) in the 2014-15 season.

European and Spanish champion Barcelona regained second place by generating 560.8 million euros.

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Tax mess throws wrench in Messi's Copa America plans

Lionel Messi's tax fraud trial has been set for May 31-June 3, conflicting with the start of the centennial Copa America in the United States.

The Copa America Centenario kicks off June 3.

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Steph's No. 30 still No. 1

Stephen Curry remained the top seller on the NBA's most popular jersey list, released Wednesday. The NBA MVP is followed by LeBron James and Kobe Bryant.

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The cool yogurt topping is the perfect complement to this Moroccan-spiced chicken tray bake.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 35 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 5 Tbsp olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, minced finely
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp cumin
- 2 tsp salt
- Pinch pepper
- Pinch of red pepper flakes
- 1 cup Greek yogurt
- 6 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes
- 15 ounce can chickpeas, rinsed
- 1 cup cilantro

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 450 F.
2. Whisk oil, garlic and spices together. Take 1 Tbsp of the mixture, stir it into the yogurt.
3. In a large bowl, toss the chicken, tomatoes, chickpeas and cilantro with the rest of the oil and spice mixture. Arrange in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet.
4. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes.
5. Serve with a dollop of the spiced yogurt.

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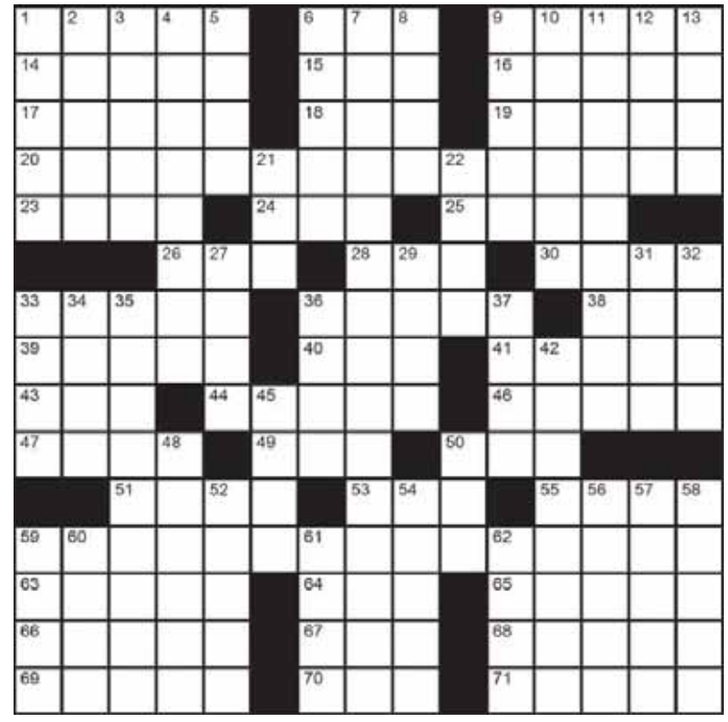

ACROSS
1. "Just Between You _ _" by April Wine
6. PIN-inputing spot
9. Sounded satisfied
14. "Rio" band, when doubled
15. Alphabetic trio
16. Stock
17. "Give _ _ _." (Try)
18. Marci of "Canada AM" on CTV
19. Hagar the Horrible's wife
20. 1885 + Louis Riel + North-West Rebellion + Regina Courthouse = What?: 3 wds.
23. "Saturday Night Live" alum Horatio
24. 'Legal' suffix
25. Poet's 'previously'
26. "Am _ _ brother's keeper?"
28. Female pronoun
30. Snake-looking fishies
33. "Dave" (1993) star Kevin
36. In the least: 2 wds.
38. Theatre seating area
39. More pleasant
40. Li'l loudness
41. Classy theatrical show
43. White House nickname
44. Small boat
46. Elated
47. Dick Tracy's beloved
49. School of thought
50. Fail to keep
51. Leafy veggie
53. Positive vote
55. Faucets
59. Montreal's cruciform office/shopping complex since 1962: 3 mots
63. Outlandish
64. Gladiator's lucky number
65. "Don't Look Back in _": 1996 Oasis hit
66. War horse
67. Morn's follower
68. Keen
69. Cattle groups
70. Born, in society bios
71. Geological flattops

DOWN
1. Mine entrances
2. _Sweet (Sugar substitute)
3. Run out
4. Chatelaine or Maclean's
5. Organic compound
6. Currency exchange fees
7. Sloan song that goes "I know that I'll be living it in Canada.": 5 wds.
8. Royal Canadian _
9. Biblical son of Jacob and Zilpah
10. Relaxed: 2 wds.
11. Like the cowboy's gun before the draw at sundown
12. Consequently
13. Jan & _
21. Tina of "30 Rock"
22. Careen
27. French 'seas'
29. Fifty percent
31. God
32. Go to and fro
33. Do needlework
34. Similar
35. Canadian athlete Patrick Chan's profession: 2 wds.
36. Hertz rival
37. "Hard Core _" (1996)
42. Next to nothing payment
45. Capital of the Ukraine
48. Hallowed
50. Ms. Dawn Chong
52. The Who album: 'Live at _'
54. Aristocracy
56. 100-eyed giant of ancient Greek mythology
57. Michelangelo masterpiece
58. Ecological stages
59. Upscale
60. Minstrel's pear-shaped instrument
61. Men Without Hats lead singer Mr. Doroschuk
62. Lady's address

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Aries March 21 - April 20
Even if you find it hard to connect emotionally you will do so with ease over the next few days. The planets will help you empathize with those who you might otherwise find it hard to feel sorry for.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Taking a light-hearted approach will make it easier to deal with the huge responsibilities coming your way. Don't take what you have to do too seriously — just get on with it.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You can feel that something special is going to happen. The Sun in Aquarius will bring new opportunities your way, and give you the confidence to make something of them.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
How can you make your home life more enjoyable? Put work matters to the back of your mind and focus on family to the exclusion of everything else. Making a profit is okay but making loved ones happy is priceless.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
No matter how busy the past few weeks have been and no matter how desperately you need time to recover this is going to be an active day. Keep the momentum going.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Do not to make any sudden changes. If you do you will only have to change them back again later on. Things may look bad but they are not nearly as bad as they seem.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will be rather excitable today and the smallest thing will set you off. Don't be surprised if others, even those you are closest to emotionally, stay out of your way.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Don't panic. Your life is NOT falling apart — you are just looking at things from too negative an angle. You may be down but later on your mood and your viewpoint will be more positive.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Friends will surprise and delight you with sudden invitations and suggestions for having a good time, so don't plan your schedule in too much detail. You must be ready to drop whatever you are doing and party.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Impress employers and important people today. You have the knack of knowing the right thing to say, in the right way at the right time, and it won't be long before others are trying to impress you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You must keep dreaming, even if so many of your dreams have failed to come true. There is every chance that what earlier seemed like a fantasy will quickly become a reality.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You could be too emotional today. Resist the urge to reply in kind to any adverse comments you receive. Count to ten before putting your feelings into words.

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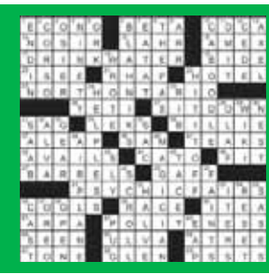

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